

and including an inner race comprising a formed cup which engages said trunion, effective to substantially prevent angular displacement between said inner race and said trunion, an outer race, and a plurality of needle rollers interposed therebetween to permit relative rotation between said inner and said outer race;

a shoulder which is formed upon said spider assembly for axially retaining said bearing assembly in a first direction;

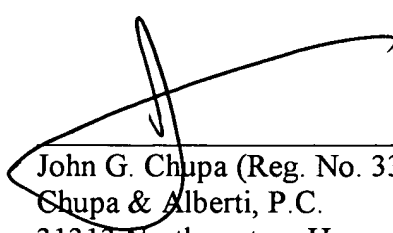
an undercut which is formed at the base of said trunion adjacent said spider assembly;

a snap ring groove which is formed at an end of said trunion, opposite said spider assembly; and

a snap ring which engages said groove to axially retain said bearing assembly in a direction opposite said first direction.

It is believed that this Preliminary Amendment places the application in better condition for examination and in condition for allowance; therefore, its entry is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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